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SUBJECT: PRP POSITION ON INKATHA-PRP "ALLIANCE"

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1. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS RECENTLY I HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS INKATHA-PRP "ALLIANCE" POSSIBILITIES WITH RAY SWART, PRP NATIONAL CHAIRMAN. ACCORDING TO SWART THE PRP NATIONAL EXECUTIVE HAS DEPUTIZED HIM TO DEVELOP ARRANGEMENTS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH INKATHA. SWART CONTACTED BUTHELEZI WHO, HOWEVER, ASKED FOR MORE TIME TO COMPLETE CONSULTATION WITH ALL INKATHA BRANCHES ON LATTER'S SEVENTEEN PROPOSED POINTS FOR DISCUSSING ALLIANCE (REF A). SWART EXPECTS DISCUSSIONS WILL DEFINITELY BE HELD, PERHAPS IN 2-3 WEEKS TIME. MEANWHILE PRP LEADER COLIN EGLIN HAS REMAINED IN TOUCH WITH BUTHELEZI BY LETTER.

2. SWART SAID PRP REGARDS ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH INKATHA AS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL ONGOING DISCUSSIONS WITH BLACK GROUPS. PRP HAS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE SAID, SET UP SPECIAL SECRETARIAT TO COORDINATE THESE DISCUSSIONS. PARTY RECOGNIZES POSSIBILITY OF REACTION AMONG OTHER BLACK GROUPS TO PRP'S INKATHA LIAISON, BUT BELIEVES "YOU HAVE TO START SOMEWHERE". SWART SAYS PRP EXPECTS SHARP ATTACK FROM SAG BECAUSE OF INITIATIVE WITH INKATHA--PERHAPS EVEN IN FORM OF STRENGTHENING POLITICAL NON-INTERFERENCE ACT. HOWEVER, SWART BELIEVES SAG

CAN BE EFFECTIVELY COUNTER-ATTACKED ON BASIS SAG ALSO ESPOUSES
INTER-RACIAL CONSULTATION THROUGH CABINET COUNCIL SYSTEM.

3. SWART ALSO CONFIRMED THAT PRP HAS PROBLEM WITH SEVERAL OF
INKATHA'S POINTS FOR DISCUSSION, PARTICULARLY THOSE CONCERNING
REDISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH AND GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN SUCH A
PROCESS. SWART ALSO SAID PRP SIMPLY COULD NOT GO AS FAR AS
TO STATE IN ADVANCE THAT IT WAS PREPARED TO BREAK THE LAW.
PRP TACTICS CALLED FOR "PUSHING LAWS TO THEIR LIMIT" AND, IN
CASES WHERE PRP WAS CHARGED WITH EXCEEDING LAW, TO GO TO COURT
TO DETERMINE WHETHER LAW WAS DEFENSIBLE. SWART WAS CONCERNED

ABOUT DIFFERENCE OF VIEW BETWEEN INKATHA AND PRP ON BOTH THESE
POINTS AND SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE "TALKED OUT" AT FORTHCOMING
INKATHA-PRP CONFERENCE.

4. COMMENT: SWART'S COMMENTS ALIGN WITH THOSE OF BUTHELEZI
(REF B) ON DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TWO GROUPS OVER QUESTION OF
DISOBEDIENCE BEFORE S.A. LAW.
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